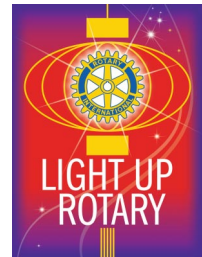




The Scribe



The Rotary Club of Strongsville - Service Above Self

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Club notes

Greetings Rotarians:

Getting started. Pastor Becky Stephenson delivered the Invocation to kick off the July 25 meeting. President Ashley Gay led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Guests. This week's guests included Jeff Kaltenstein, son of Lou, and Irena Psota, daughter of Paul. Christine Bucknell, development director for the Northern Ohio Chapter of A Kid Again, was our guest speaker.

Good luck. Best of luck to Past President John Price, who attended his last meeting before moving to Cincinnati. John, who served as president in the 2005-2006 Rotary year, had a casual leadership style and was well respected by club members. He will be missed at club meetings and events. He hopes to receive a lot of cell phone calls at 3:00 in the morning.

Rotary family picnic. Linda Plain said the club's family picnic will be held on Sunday, August 3, at the Parsonage – the home of Rev. Becky and Jack Stephenson, at 2214 Substation Road, in Medina. Spouses and kids are welcome and encouraged – there will be lots of family activities happening. Water and soft drinks will be provided, but you'll have to bring your own liquor for you and your kids. You are also asked to bring a side dish. Volunteers are needed to set up, clean up and roof the house. Activities will include cornhole, horseshoes, tug of war, volleyball, swimming/hot tub, a fishing tournament and Jello wrestling. Contact Linda, at lindaplain416@aol.com to volunteer or to get more information.



Past president John Price gets one more round of abuse before departing to Cincinnati.



Jerry Zemlicka

New member bio. Jerry Zemlicka was born in North Royalton and now lives in Ohio City. Jerry is a big sports fan and loves to play basketball. He attended John Carroll University before transferring to the Ohio State University, where he majored in financial management. His career has been in banking and he is presently the branch manager at Century Federal Credit Union, in Strongsville.

Chili Open charities. Do you know of a deserving charity that could use some proceeds from the 2015 Chili Open Golf Classic? Applications need to be in by the end of August, John announced. You can download the application forms on the club website at <http://chiliopen.info/fundsapp>. For more information, contact John, at john@turnbull.org.

Savor the Auction. Mary Herrera said auction items are needed for our annual Savor the Flavor event, to be held on Thursday, October 9, at Petitti Garden Center. Mary would like to create 10 to 15 baskets worth a few hundred to a couple thousand smackers to auction off. For more information, contact Mary, at rmherrera3@yahoo.com.

Painters needed. Rob Kammer is looking for some volunteers to paint the new Strongsville Emergency Food Bank. He hopes to get the work done on afternoons and weekends in order to conserve the weekends. Contact Rob at rkammer@alphagraphics.com.



School supply drive. Money is needed to buy school supplies for needy students. Leon Skowronski said unlike the club's previous school supply drives, donations of cash are preferred in lieu of actual supplies. This way, we can get more stuff by buying through Rick Voigt and Today's Business Products. For more information, contact Leon at laskowronski@gmail.com.

Mentor training. Anybody who plans to transfer to the Rotary Club of Mentor might want to attend Dave Riehl's Mentor training class on Tuesday, August 5, at 6:00 p.m., at Triv's Restaurant. Triv's will supply appetizers and the club will buy the first round of drinks. After that, you're on your own. If you need more information or if you are presently on the side of the road taking a breathalyzer, contact Dave, at dave@davidriehl.com.

Brunswick make-up. One of the requirements of obtaining an official Blue Badge, is attending a meeting at another Rotary club. Dave is organizing a group visit to a meeting of the Rotary Club of Brunswick, which, for some reason is willing to let him back in. The tentative date for the meeting is August 23, but final details will be announced. Contact Dave for directions to Brunswick.

Golf sponsors. Amber Tanzillo is looking for golf sponsors for the Strongsville Rotary Foundation's annual golf outing, to be held on August 11. This year, Amber announced, Medina Auto Mall, will sponsor a Bloody Mary bar. For more information, contact Amber, at atanzillo@ffl.net.

Wedding bells. Congratulations to Megan Svat, who was recently engaged during a trip to Italy.

A Kid Again. A Kid Again exists to bring hope, happiness and healing for families who are raising kids with life threatening illnesses, explained guest speaker Christine Bucknell. The charity accomplishes its mission by taking sick children and their families on adventures like sporting events or visits to Cedar Point.

Because of the attention parents have to give to children who are ill, siblings are often left out, Christine said. A Kid Again's events, which are held about four times a year, are family-centric to involve everybody.

The next adventure will be a trip on the Goodtime III in August, and the organization will host a special Miracles and Magic event on November 7. For more information, visit www.akidagain.org.

For being our guest speaker, President Elect Paul Psota said the children's book, *The Fault in our Stars*, will be donated in Christine's name to Boy's Hope Girls Hope of Northeast Ohio. Irena Psota provided the club with a synopsis of the book.



Christine Bucknell tells the club about A Kid Again.

Queen of Hearts. The queen this week was worth \$411. The winner drew a loser and the queen lives. Remember, if your table won this week's pot, you need to come in early on Friday to set stuff up before the meeting. And don't forget to bring the pot.

Words of wisdom

A man is in bed with his wife when he is awakened by a knock on the front door. He drags himself out of bed and goes downstairs. He opens the door to find a drunk man staggering around the porch.

"Hi there," slurs the stranger. "Can you give me a push?"

"No! Get lost!" the man replies. "It's three-thirty in the morning. I was in bed. It's pouring rain and I'm going back to sleep. Now get out of here."

The man slams the door behind him and gets halfway up the stairs when he hears another knock on the door.

“Angrily, the man goes back, opens the door and says, “What are you still doing here?”

“I need a push,” the drunk replies.

“Buddy, I want you to get off my porch and leave me alone,” the man says, again slamming the door behind him.

He goes back up to bed and tells his wife what happened.

“That wasn’t very nice of you,” his wife says. “Remember that night we broke down in the pouring rain on the way to pick the kids up from the baby sitter and you had to knock on that man’s house to get us started again? What would have happened if he’d told us to get lost?”

“But the guy was drunk,” says the husband.

“It doesn’t matter,” says the wife. “He needs our help and it would be the right thing to help him.”

With a huff, the husband gets out of bed again, puts on a raincoat and goes downstairs. He opens the door, and not being able to see the stranger anywhere he shouts, “Are you still out there?”

“Yes,” the drunk responds.

“Do you still need a push?”

“Yes please.”

“Well, where are you? I can’t see you.”

“I’m over here. On the swing.”

Quotable

“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”
- *Mahatma Gandhi*

“I have learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends upon our dispositions, and not upon our circumstances.”
- *Martha Washington*